Development around Bokaro

2312. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in an agreement between the management and the trade unions which ended the agitation in October, 1986 in Bokaro Steel Limited contained a clause on peripheral development around Bokaro;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the management of Bokaro steel limited assuerd increased expenditure on peripheral development and consideration of the scheme provided by the trade unions;

(c) whether a comprehensive scheme was provided/recommended by the District Administration of Dhanbad; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) There is no such agreement between the management of the Bokaro Steel Plant and the trade unions. However, on a charter of demands-cum-strike notice served in October, 1986 by the Joint Front of the trade unions, the management keeping in view the suggestion of unions, agreed to implement demands concerning peripheral development at the earliest, and forward to SAIL the proposal of production linked allocation of funds for schemes to be submitted by the unions.

The management of Bokaro Steel Plant has already increased the allocation of funds or peripheral development during the year 1986-87 from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10.5 lakhs.

(c) and (d) No comprehensive scheme has been provided by the District Administration of Dhanbad so far. However, Government of Bihar has constituted a Peripheral Area Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad to prepare a scheme. A representative of Bokaro Steel Plant is also associated with the Committee. The Committee is taking steps to finalise the scheme.

Steel prices

2313. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the steel prices by 12.5 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and reasons to increase the steel prices?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Work—charged C.P.W.D. staff

2314. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permanent posts were sanctioned for work-charged staff of C.P.W.D. with effect from 1st April, 1977 by the Department's of O.M. No. 29/4/78-ECX dated 27th January, 1979.

(b) if so, the number of permanent posts sanctioned for each category of post in each Region;

(c) whether it is also a fact that permanent posts were sanctioned taking into consideration the number of sanctioned posts existing at the time; and

(d) if so, the number of sanctioned posts existing in each circle